

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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Application of Southern California
Edison Company (U338E) for Approval
of its Energy Savings Assistance and
California Alternate Rates for Energy
Programs and Budgets for Program
Years 2015-2017

A.14-11-007
(Filed November 18, 2014)

And Related Matters.

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A.14-11-010
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**THE OFFICE OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES
NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates ("ORA") respectfully submits this notice of ex parte communication in the above referenced proceedings. The meeting was held on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. with Sepideh Khosrowjah, Advisor to Commissioner Mike Florio, at the California Public Utilities Commission offices in San Francisco, with Ms. Khosrowjah participating via telephone. The meeting was initiated by ORA to discuss the Proposed Decision ("PD") and the Alternate Proposed Decision ("APD") on the Energy Savings Assistance ("ESA") program and the California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") program. ORA representatives present were Policy Analyst Dan Buch and Attorney Zhen Zhang.

ORA discussed the following:

- ◆ ORA supports adopting the Energy Savings Assistance Cost Effective Test ("ESACET") threshold target of 1.0.
- ◆ ORA supports changes to the administrative rules (e.g. the Three Measure Rule and the Go Back Rule). The Commission should

eliminate the Three Measure Rule only if it adopts the ESACET threshold target of 1.0. ORA supports phasing out the Go Back Rule with tailored strategies for repeat service households.

- ◆ ORA supports higher targets because the proposed targets in the APD are lower than what was proposed in the Utilities' applications.
- ◆ ORA supports extending the current ESA and CARE program cycles to 2019 and extending the 2018 funding levels for one year.
- ◆ The PD should remove the requirement that customers approaching 400 percent of baseline usage participate in ESA.
- ◆ The APD should remove the requirement that customers participate in dynamic pricing or demand response to receive ESA. Customers should be able to choose the rate plan that best fits their needs.
- ◆ With regards to the APD, ESA money should not be used for common areas without a mechanism to ensure the low income residents receive the benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

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